

Dawn Gullikson, 70 ²⁻²⁶⁻⁹³

Dawn D. Gullikson, 70, Bath, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993 at her home near Bath. Her funeral was Tuesday, Feb. 16 at United Methodist Church, Groton. The Rev. Dean Trapp officiated.

Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery. There was a prayer service at Monday, Feb. 15 at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Dawn Denise Darlington was born August 31, 1922 to Dean and Joy (Mitchell) Darlington, at Groton. As a child she lived in Columbia, Tulare, Oakes, N.D. and Lemmon, before returning to Groton to live with her grandparents, Louis and Florence Mitchell. She graduated from Groton High School in 1940.

She married Lyle Blair August 28, 1941. After living in Los Angeles for one year they made their home in Groton and raised their three children. He died in 1978. She married Chester Gullikson August 8, 1981 and resided with him near Bath until her death.

She worked for Bob Johnson Insurance Agency for 14 years, first in Groton and then in the Federal Crop Insurance Office, Aberdeen. She also owned and operated the Dawn Blair Agency for crop insurance 1981-1986. In all she represented federal crop insurance for 25 years.

She was an active member of Chapter AC, PEO, Delphian Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Groton United Methodist Church, where she served on the church board. She was also a lifetime member of PTA. She served as district president of the American Legion Auxiliary for five years, as a South Dakota Department officer for two years, and was a page at the National American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Los Angeles in 1956. She was parade chairman for Groton's 75th anniversary in 1956 and centennial in 1981. She was a frequent public speaker for area events such as Memorial Day ceremonies and graduations. She also substituted for Methodist ministers from the 1950's to the present, by giving Sunday sermons.

Survivors include her husband, Bath; one son, Thomas Blair, Deadwood; two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Kathy) Rosengren, Vallejo, Calif., and Mrs. David (Patsy) McCullough, Nevada, Mo.; two brothers, Merle Darlington and Norman Darlington, both of Oregon; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband.

Casketbearers were her grandchildren, Robin Arsaga, Christopher Blair, Matthew Blair, Chad Blair, Beth McCullough, Jennifer McCullough and Garth Rosengren.

Organist was Marlyce Cassels, and soloist was Lee Schinkel.

The family prefers memorial contributions to Groton United Methodist Church or Home Care Consultants, P.O. Box 445, Stratford, S.D. or the charity of one's choice.

